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Corps urges public to avoid restricted areas near Big Bend Dam

Big Bend Project, Fort Thompson, S.D. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is urging visitors to pay heed to signs restricting access to previously inundated roads and areas near the Big Bend Dam. As the water elevation recedes in Lake Francis Case downstream of the dam, roads and river banks will take some time to dry out and stabilize. The roads, campgrounds and day use areas are now slowly becoming visible. For public safety reasons, these areas cannot be opened right away.

During this high water event the river banks and road beds have become saturated with water. As the water level drops, water drains out of the banks. During this time river banks may slough and roads may be damaged.

In the interest of public safety, please do not enter restricted areas. The Corps will open roads and areas as soon as it is safe.

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